

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, Oct. 21, 2005

Members Present

Buddy Lea, Vice Chair
Joe Swinford, Chair
Brian Derrick
Lynn Goodman, Ex-Officio
George Zukotynski
Karen Hale
Renee Jackson
Tracy Stinson
Sam Chessor
Mike Dedmon

Members Absent

Gabrielle Chapman
Marva Bradford
Tommy Chester, Past Chair
Brenda White
Nancy Bernstein
Carol Freeman
Mike Hayes
Tracy Carter

Call to Order

The October Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Joe Swinford to approve the minutes of the prior 2005 steering committee meeting. Buddy Lea seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as posted.

Old Business

Fall Conference – Renee Jackson gave a report on the status of the Fall Conference. Governor Bredeesen has committed to speak and take questions from the audience as he did last year. October 25th is the scheduled date. Commissioner Goetz is confirmed for the afternoon. He will highlight issues regarding the Budget, TennCare, ERP, Training, Benchmarking and Succession Planning. The committee reviewed motivational speakers for the event and decided on a speaker name David Waits from Rockhurst University Continuing Education Center. He will speak on “Managing During Times of Change.” The conference will begin around 9:30 since the library will open at 9:00, this will allow folks to arrive early and still be able to get into the building. The theme for the conference will be “Riding the Waves of Change”.

The Holiday Breakfast will be December 13th.

New Business

Newsletter – Buddy Lea agreed to contact the Class Reporters for news for inclusion in the next Newsletter. It was decided that the Alumni Spotlight article would be on Gladys Wolfe, Class of 1986.

Holiday Breakfast – The breakfast is scheduled for Dec. 13th at Ellington Ag Center’s Jones Auditorium as it was last year. Gene Naifeh will be coordinating the cooking. Steering Committee members are asked to come help set up tables and

decorations the afternoon of the 12th. Food cookers need to arrive no later than 6:30 AM on the 13th. The Military Band will play. St. Jude's will be the charity again this year. There will be some explanation of why St. Jude's was selected.

Elections Joe Swinford will send email out to the Alumni to nominate TGEI alumni to serve as at-large members of the Steering Committee for next year, and for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. The next meeting was set for Friday, Nov. 18th, at 11:30 AM at the WRS TN Tower – Davidson Room.